

**EASTER GROUP MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2010**

Easter Group met December 3, 2010 at noon in the lower level of the Bishop Kenny Center of the St. Gregory Catholic Church. Presiding was President Mim McConnell.

Motion to accept the November minutes M/S by Jack/Steve. Motion passed.

Reports:

President – no report

Vice President – Update on homeless woman, bell ringing for Salvation Army,

Treasurer – Reported a balance of \$551.41 in bank account

Unfinished Business

Asking Letters

It was agreed that preparation of the “asking letters” for mailing could be done during the business meeting. Sixty-nine letters were folded, inserted and address labels attached. Mim will mail.

Blatchley Middle School Breakfast Program

Mim and Dorrie reported on the meeting with School Superintendent Steve Bradshaw, Business Manager David Arp and BMS Principal Joe Robidou which focused on a proposed hot breakfast program for Blatchley. The administrators pointed to the logistics which make a hot food program at Blatchley difficult; i.e., bus schedules, supervision, sensitivity of the age group to being “different”, ticketing. Judy O. reported that Joan V. continued to purchase and deliver fruit to the librarian for distribution. M/S by Mary/Jack to discontinue efforts for a breakfast program at BMS for the present and concentrate on helping Pacific High with funding to purchase fresh fruit. Motion passed. Dorrie will talk to the principal at Pacific

Report on Juneau Food Bank

Judy O. reported on a recent trip to the Food Bank in Juneau. Funding for the bank is supplied by a grant from United Way. Staffing is done with one paid employee and a number of volunteers and food is available for individuals and organizations. It was suggested we research whether we could apply for a grant from United Way (possible support for Backpack Grocery Program).

Backpack Grocery Program

Judy O. had no new info on the Backpack Grocery Program.

Application for 501 (c) (3) Status

Dorrie and Mary reported the application is nearly complete, with editing done by Mary. Mim will review w/Dorrie on Monday and Jack will take the package to attorney Denton Pearson for review next week.

NEW BUSINESS

KIFW Problem Corner Appearance

Dorrie reported on appearance on Problem Corner by she and Jim. Said the manager had suggested another appearance before Christmas. Mim and Ted volunteered to do that. Ted also suggested an early morning appearance on KCAW by he and Mim (he will set up).

Report on Homeless Advocacy

Ted reported that he is waiting for Dorrie to explain needs of the homeless woman and noted that Jericho Road does have some funds for a rapid response. He suggested that if the woman pays 30% of the rent for January Jericho Road may grant the remainder. Dorrie explained that even the third of the \$900. rent is more than the individual can afford because she is also liable for the utilities and her food and personal needs. Julia Smith will check on the status of the Methodist Church pledge.

Grants

Mim said the Sitka Women's Club grants will be available in the spring. She has filed an application with the White E and will do an app for a Rotary grant next month. She also noted that City grants for non-profits will be available in the spring. Jack suggested that the Masonic Lodge may have grant funds. Ted and Dorrie will ask for an appointment with the St. Gregory's pastoral council to request a decision on the pledge made earlier. Inquiries will be made about applying for a United Way grant.

Business for Next Meeting

Items suggested for the next agenda include a review of the wording in the mission statement, analysis and possible rewording of the goals, and a report by Steve on the net "Jumo" site. (*Possible business items for January agenda.*)

The next meeting will be Friday, January 7 at a site to be chosen by Mary who will do announcement on date, time, place in the Sentinel .

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Note: If this sounds disconnected, it is! I waited too long to try to make sense of my sketchy notes so please make corrections, additions, deletions as needed.